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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROL: POSSIBLE EXPORT OF SEMI-CONDUCTOR PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT TO PRC

- 1. DR. JAMES CHANG, AMERICAN CITIZEN AND MANAGER OF LOCAL COMPANY, SEMI-CONDUCTOR DEVICES, LIMITED, VISITED CONGEN JANUARY 28 CONCERNING APPROACH TO HIM BY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OF CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY FOR HIS SERVICES IN ESTABLISHING A PLANT IN THE PRC FOR FABRICATING INTEGRATED CIRCUITS. HE HAS SOME EXPERIENCE IN THIS LINE BOTH HERE AND IN THE PHILIPPINES.
- 2. ACCORDING TO DR. CHANG, HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO PEKING FOR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS PROJECT WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS. HE EXPECTS TO LEAVE HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 22 FOR VISIT OF ABOUT TEN DAYS. AS HE UNDERSTANDS CHINESE INTENTIONS, THEY DESIRE HIS ADVICE ON PLANT DESIGN AND ON PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS MACHINES AND INSTRUMENTS NEEDED FOR SUCH A PLANT. HOPEFULLY, HE WOULD HELP CHINA OBTAIN THE NEEDED EQUIPMENT FROM US FIRMS MENTIONED BELOW WITH WHICH HE IS PRESENTLY DOING BUSINESS. AS EXAMPLES OF KINDS OF EQUIPMENT, DR. CHANG SHOWED CONGEN OFFICERS BROCHURES ON SUCH ITEMS AS: IN-LINE WAFER FABRICATION SYSTEMS AND MASK ALIGNMENT SYSTEMS MADE BY COBILT, SUNNYVALE, CALIF.; GAS MONITORING SYSTEMS AND FOUR-TUBE DIFFUSION FURNACE ASSEMBLY BY THERMCO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTS CO. OF ORANGE, CALIF.; COATERS BY AIRCO TEMESCAL; AND

SENTRY 610 TESTER BY FAIRCHILD SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY, SAN JOSE; PRECISION WELDING AND REFLOW SOLDERING EQUIPMENT BY UNITEK CORPORATION OF MONROVIA, CALIF.; ULTRASONIC WIRE BONDERS AND PRECISION SCRIBING MACHINES BY SOLA BASIC INDUSTRIES; MARKING EQUIP. BY MARKEM INTERNATIONLA, INC. OF KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE; ENCAPSULATION MACHINES BY KRAS CORPORATION; HIGH SPEED TAILLESS THERMOCOMPRESSION BALL BONDERS AND HIGH SPEED ULTRASONIC TAILLESSWEDGE BONDERS BY KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC.; AND VARIOUS TYPES TESTING INSTRUMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBERS.

- 3. COMMODITY CONTROL LIST OF EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS APPEARS TO INCLUDE NEARLY EVERY ITEM NAMED ABOVE. DR. CHANG WOULD LIKE TO KNOW PROSPECTS OF LICENSES BEING ISSUED FOR THEIR EXPORT TO PRC BEFORE SUGGESTING EQUIPMENT TO PRC OFFICIALS. INABILITY TO PURCHASE AND DELIVER SUCH EQUIPMENT AS ABOVE TO PRC WOULD MAKE ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANT VERY DIFFICULT.
- 4. PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE ASAP ON HOW TO RESPOND TO DR. CHANG'S QUERY RE POSSIBILITIES OF LICENSING OF AFOREMENTIONED TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AND ANY OTHER ADVICE WE CAN GIVE DR. CHANG. DETAILED BROCHURES ON EQUIPMENT AIRMAILED JANUARY 31. CROSS

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